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PAGE 02 STATE 210457 052118Z SUBJECT: STATUS OF UNHCR SERVICE PACKAGES

1. THE USG IS AT A POINT WHERE STOCK-TAKING OF OUR RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS IN RWANDA/ZAIRE IS REQUIRED. THIS MESSAGE REQUESTS THAT MISSION ASK UNHOR TO PROVIDE USG WITH ITS ASSESSMENT OF (A) THE OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EIGHT (8) SERVICE PACKAGES, (B) WHAT UNHOR EXPECTATIONS ARE OF THE U.S. WITH REGARD TO THE PACKAGES IN WHICH WE ARE PARTICIPATING (WATER IN GOMA, AIRHEAD IN ENTEBBE, AIRHEAD IN KIGALI, LOGISTICS), AND (C) HOW UNHOR MEASURES THE UNMET NEED WITH RESPECT TO

THE PACKAGES IN WHICH THE USG IS ONE THAT SELECTION ACTORS. (WE REALIZE THAT WE ARE NOT THE SOLE ACTOR IN THE WATER PACKAGE FOR GOMA, FOR EXAMPLE, AND SO HAVE A PARTICULAR NEED TO HAVE SPECIFICITY WITH REGARD TO OUTSTANDING NEEDS.) THIS ASSESSMENT IS NEEDED ASAP, IN ANY CASE NLT AUGUST 10. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNHER FIELD STAFF ARE HEAVILY BURDENED JUST MEETING NEEDS, AND MIGHT BE HARD PRESSED TO TAKE TIME NECESSARY TO DO THIS ANALYSIS. TO THAT END, WE WOULD RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THE GERSONY TEAM NOW WORKING ON REPATRIATION PLANNING MIGHT USEFULLY BE TASKED TO TURN AROUND A QUICK ASSESSMENT FOR UNHER. FYI. USG WILL BE PERFORMING ITS OWN ASSESSMENT PARALLEL TO THIS ONE, AND WILL SHARE RESULTS WITH UNHER. END FYI.

2. ONE OF THE PACKAGES THAT THE USG IS COVERING IS WATER. THERE ARE VARYING REPORTS AS TO THE DAILY NEED FOR WATER IN GOMA, AND WHETHER THAT IS BEING MET OR NOT. WE WOULD LIKE UNHOR TO DEFINE THE STANDARD IT IS USING, AND IF THAT LEVEL IS AN "EMERGENCY" LEVEL, FOR WHAT UNCLASSIFIED

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PERIOD OF TIME SUCH A LEVEL CAN BE SUSTAINED BEFORE THE
ONSET OF INCREASED HEALTH PROBLEMS.

3. AN ASPECT OF THE WATER PACKAGE IS DISTRIBUTION. WE NOTE THAT 832,000 GALLONS OF WATER WERE REPORTED DISTRIBUTED ON AUGUST 4, VICE 899,000 GALLONS PURIFIED. IT IS DIFFICULT TO DRAW ACCURATE CONCLUSIONS FROM THAT INFORMATION ALONE REGARDING THE WATER TANKER TRUCK CAPACITY, BUT PRELIMINARILY ONE MIGHT CONCLUDE THAT INSUFFICIENT TRUCKING CAPACITY CONTINUES TO BE THE REALITY. ANY SPECIFICITY REGARDING THE OUTSTANDING NEED THAT UNHOR MIGHT PROVIDE WOULD BE WELCOMED.

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